

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**In re PATENT APPLICATION of****SCHMIDT ET AL.****Group Art Unit: 1639****Application No.: 09/743,746****Examiner: EPPERSON, J.D.****Filed: March 16, 2001****Title: ARYLSULFONE LINKERS FOR MASS SPECTROMETRIC ANALYSIS****November 8, 2005****AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION****Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450****Sir:**

In response to the Office Action mailed on June 8, 2005, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks in conjunction with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination. A petition for a two-month extension of time and the requisite fee is included with this response.

Amendments to the claims and a complete listing of claims begin on page 2.
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